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· ·		odland Management	
	ponsor: Forestry A		5. Date: 4-15-03
	Phone #: 541-592-		
	s E-mail: forestryac		
8. Project L	ocation (attach project a	rea maps showing general and s	pecific locations of project.)
a. 4 th	Field Watershed Nam	e and HUC #(if known):	Illinois River 17-10-03-11
b. 5 th	Field Watershed Nam	e and HUC#(if known):	Josephine Cr 1710031106, Deer Cr 710031103 Sucker Cr 1710031103, Althouse Cr 1710031102, West Fork Illinois River 1710031104,
c. Leg	gal Location:		
Towns	ship 37S	Range 6W	Section(s) 6,7,16,17,18
Towns	ship 37S	Range 7W	Section(s) 28,30,31,32,33,34,35,36
Towns	ship 37S	Range 8W	Section(s) 225,26,33,34,35,36
	ship 38S	Range 6W	Section(s) 16,18,20,28,32,36
Towns	ship 38S	Range 7W	Section(s) 2,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,12,13,14,15,16,17 18,19,20,21,22,24,26,27,28,29,30, 32,33,34
Towns	ship 38S	Range 8W	Section(s) 1,2,3,4,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,22,23, 24,25,26,27,28,33,34,35,36
Towns	ship 39S	Range 6W	Section(s) 2,4,8,10,14,15,16,18,24,26,28,32, 34,36
Towns	ship 39S	Range 7W	Section(s) 2,4,6,7,8,10,12,14,15,16,17,18,19, 20,21,22,23,24,25,26,27,28,29,30, 31,32,33,34,36
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Towns	ship 40S	Range 7W	Section(s) 2,5,6,7,8,10,12,13,14,.15.18
Towns	ship 40S	Range 8W	Section(s) 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15 7,18,19,20,21,22,23,24,25,26,27, 28,29,30,31,32,33,34,35,36
Towns	ship 40S	Range 9W	Section(s) 12,23,24,25,26,35,36
	ship 41S	Range 8W	Section(s) 1,2,3,10,11

The above listed sections contain all private properties in the Illinois Valley that are within a mile of BLM land, so the list includes properties that are adjacent to or within ¼ mile of BLM land, and others that are farther away and are not eligible for this project.

d. BLM District Medford	e. BLM Resource Area Grants Pass
f. National Forest	g. Forest Service District
□ h. State / <u>Private</u> / other lands involved?	X Yes No

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9. Statement of Project Goals and Objectives:

The goal is to create healthy, fire-safe woodlands on private properties and adjacent BLM lands in the Illinois Valley through education and volunteer participation, and by doing weed control and restoration planting of native species on approximately 60 acres where fuels reduction has taken place. Other objectives are GIS mapping, media coverage, job training and work force development. Priority is given to private land adjacent to or within one-quarter mile of BLM land. Weeds will be removed on both private and adjacent BLM land.

10. Project Description: (Provide concise description of project and attach map.)

When the fuels reduction work prescribed by our Fire Safety Technician creates bare disturbed ground ripe for weed invasion on private property close to or adjacent to BLM land, this project will kick in and offer: 1) weed control by the FAC weed crew, and when appropriate, 2) a site visit and planting prescription by the forestry technician and native seedlings for the landowner to plant. Monitoring systems will be established.

The duties and length of employment of the Tree Planting Project Coordinator will be expanded and extended to include: 1) GIS mapping; 2) education and outreach to schools, youth groups and adult organizations on long term maintenance of healthy fire-safe woodlands; 3) media; 4) orchestration of volunteer weed pulling, tree planting and other forms of volunteer participation; and 5) ordering and caring for seedlings for this project.

The duties and length of employment of the Tree Planting Project Forestry Technician will be expanded and extended to include: 1) site visits and prescribing of native seedlings; 2) mapping of planting prescriptions for landowner or volunteers; and 3) caring for seedlings.

The duties and length of employment of the Fire Plan Community Coordinator, which include working with the landowner and the fire safety technician to track the status of defensible space assessments and fuels reduction plans will be expanded and extended to include: 1) tracking the status of weed removal and restoration planting activities for each property; and 2) general bookkeeping and administration of the project.

We view this as the first year of an ongoing project where we will do what we do best, work with landowners and the community over time to develop the knowledge and habits that build and maintain a healthy community and ecosystem.

Our first three project locations are in the Takilma area. (1) Tax lot #1301. BLM on two sides. Approximately 2 acres of meadow knapweed along the river on the tax lot. Probably knapweed also on adjacent BLM land along the river. (2) Tax lot 1300. BLM land on one side. Approximately 2 acres of meadow knapweed along the East Fork Illinois River on the tax lot. Probably knapweed also on the adjacent BLM land along the East Fork Illinois River. (3) Tax lot 200. BLM land on two sides. Approximately 4 acres meadow knapweed and bull thistle on the tax lot which probably also goes onto the adjacent BLM land.

This ongoing project will treat approximately 60 acres each year.

11. Coordination of this project with other related project(s) on adjacent lands?

X Yes No

If yes, then describe. FAC already does restoration planting of native species along riparian areas and associated uplands on private properties in the Illinois Valley. This project will blend with and augment existing projects. We also do weed control, primarily on public lands in the IV. This project will bring weed control to private properties adjacent to BLM lands.

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	proposed project meet purposes of the I proves maintenance of existing infrastruct		ec. 203(b)(1)]
X Im	plements stewardship objectives that enha	nce forest ecos	ystems. [Sec. 2(b)]
X Re	estores and improves land health. [Sec. 2(b))]	
Re	estores water quality. [Sec. 2(b)]		
13. Project Ty	ype (check one) [Sec. 203(b)(1)]		
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2(b)(2)(A)]	d Decommission/Obliteration [Sec. 2(b)(2)(A)]	? Trail Obliteration [Sec.
	er Infrastructure Maintenance (specify)	:	[Sec.
2(b)(2)(A)	(1 3)		t
	Productivity Improvement [Sec. 2(b)(2	2)(B)]	? Forest Health Improvement
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	Habitat Restoration [Sec. 2(b)(2)(E)]	X Con	trol of Noxious Weeds [Sec.
2(b)(2)(F)]	[(-)()()]		
X Rees	stablish Native Species [Sec. 2(b)(2)(G)]	
□ Othe	er Project Type (specify) [Sec. 2(b)(2)]:		
	of Project Accomplishments/Expecter levels when the second	ed Outcomes	[Sec. 203(b)(5)]
a. Tota	al Acres: 60	o. Total Miles	:
c. No.	Structures:		People Reached (for environmental
a Na	Of Laharan Davis, 106 maid. Dhus val		ion projects): 200
	Of Laborer Days: 196 paid. Plus vol er (specify): GIS mapping, monitoring		rticination
	ogram Element: _JD, JW (60 acres ea		
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	of Project and Estimated Completion nonths. Completion Date: 01-31-06	n Date [Sec. 20.	3(b)(2)]: 10/04 – 10/06
16. Target Sp	pecies (plants/wildlife etc.) Benefited	: (if applicable) W	fildlife and listed species benefit from

- **16.** Target Species (plants/wildlife etc.) Benefited: (if applicable) Wildlife and listed species benefit from the promotion of diversity of habitat and by the control of invasive weed populations. Native woodland plant communities are protected from invasive plants.
- 17. How will cooperative relationships among people that use federal lands be improved? [Sec. 2(b)(3)]

The project works with private landowners, community members, groups, schools and federal agencies to accomplish weed control and healthy fire-safe woodlands, and helps all these groups partner and work together toward common goals. The project fosters a sense of

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stewardship and commonality that transcends property lines and creates a stronger community and environment.

18. How is this project in the best public interest? [Sec. 203(b)(7)] Identify benefits to communities? Through education and activation of the community for long-term maintenance of healthy well-stocked weed-free fire-safe woodlands, the project avoids wasting tax dollars on one-shot clean-up deals whose benefits can disappear in the next five years. The community is helped to take charge of its fate, to work together to solve difficult environmental problems. Jobs and self-esteem are provided through the weed crew to a group in the community who are often marginalized and impoverished by traditional federal land management procedures.

19. How does project benefit federal lands/resources?

As people learn the habits of weed control, they are motivated to pressure their neighbors to clean up their land. Education, outreach and volunteer participation assist in this process. Weed-free, well-stocked, well-maintained private woodlands adjacent to BLM lands throughout the valley improve the health of the BLM forestland. This project has the capacity as it develops of enabling relationships between the BLM and adjoining neighbors where everyone works together to create weed free, healthy fire-safe woodlands. An educated, activated community involved in the finer points of managing their own woodlands is going to make the BLM lands much safer. People will be more thoughtful and aware of their impacts even when nobody sees what they are doing.

20. Status of Project Planning

a. NEPA Complete:	X Yes	\square No	
b. If No, give est. date of completion:	_		
c. NMFS Sec. 7 ESA Consultation Complete:	Yes	□ No	X□ Not Applicable
d. USFWS Sec. 7 ESA Consultation Complete:	Yes	□ No	$X\square$ Not Applicable
e. Survey & Manage Complete:	Yes	□ No	X□ Not Applicable
f. DSL/ODFW* Permits Obtained:	Yes	□ No	X□ Not Applicable
g. DLS/COE* 404 Fill/Removal Permit Obtained	ed: Yes	□ No	X□ Not Applicable
h. SHPO* Concurrence Received:	Yes	□ No	X□ Not Applicable
i. Project Design(s) Completed:	Yes	□ No	X□ Not Applicable
21. Proposed Method(s) of Accomplishment	□ Federal W	/orkforc	e
□ Contract	□ Federal W	orkford	e
County Workforce	X Volunteer	rs.	
X Other (specify): FAC will do payroll for the Project Coordinator and Forestry Technician, and the Fire			
22. Will the Project Generate Merchantable Mat	terials? (Sec. 20	4(e)(3))	
23. Anticipated Project Costs [Sec. 203(b)(3)]			

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a.	Total County Title II Funds Requested:	: \$ 20,5	44	
b.	Is this a multi-year funding request?	Yes	X□ No	If yes, then display by fiscal year
	e. FY04 Request: \$			
	f. FY05 Request: \$			
	g. FY06 Request: \$			

This is a one-year request, but we view this as an ongoing project and will apply for funds again next year.

*** Note: If you have a complex budget, add it as an appendix. The Resource Advisory Committee will want to know specifically how the funds will be spent.

	Fed. Agency Appropriated Contribution [Sec. 203(b)(4)]	Requested County Title II Contribution [Sec. 203(b)(4)]	Other Contributions [Sec. 203(b)(4)]	Total Available Funds
24. Field Work & Site Surveys				
25. NEPA & Sec.7 ESA Consultation				
26. Permit Acquisition				
27. Project Design & Engineering				
28. Contract Preparation				
29. Contract Administration				
30. Contract Cost				
31. Workforce Cost		\$16,442	\$24,782	\$41,224
32. Materials & Supplies		\$1,320	\$2,500	\$3,820
33. Monitoring		\$1,882	\$510	\$2,392
34. Other: Mileage		\$600	\$918	\$1,518
35. Project Subtotal		\$20,244	\$38,400	\$58,644
36. Indirect Costs (Overhead) (per year for multiple year projects)		\$300		\$300
37. Total Cost Estimate	\$	\$20,544	\$38,400	\$58,944

Appendix budget with explanations is attached.

38. Identify Source(s) of Other Funding in Column C. Above [Sec. 203(b)(4)] OWEB: \$5,000. FAC: In kind - \$31,400. Forest Service: In Kind - \$2,000.

39. Monitoring Plan (Sec.203 (b)(6)

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a. What measures or evaluations will be made to determine how well the proposed project meets the desired ecological conditions? [Sec. 203(b)(6)] Who will be responsible for this monitoring item?

<u>Weed eradication</u> Establish grids with permanent corner markers. Photo points. Pull, count, and measure above and below ground growth of weeds. Estimate general age of weeds pulled. This is repeated each year weeds are pulled, to record rate and degree of eradication.

<u>Restoration planting</u>: Number of seedlings planted. Photo points. Yearly monitoring of rates of survival and growth. Evaluation of percentage of ground covered. <u>Volunteer participation</u>: track value of volunteer hours and in kind contributions. <u>Educational outreach</u>. Number of presentations. <u>Media</u>: Number of articles, radio and TV coverage. FAC is responsible for the monitoring.

b. How will the project be evaluated to determine how well the proposed project contributes towards local employment and/or training opportunities, including summer youth jobs programs such as the Youth Conservation Corps? [Sec. 203(b)(6)] Who will be responsible for this monitoring item?

Track number of paid and volunteer workdays, and all training that takes place. FAC will do this monitoring.

- c. What methods and measures of evaluation will be established to determine how well the proposed project improves the use of, or added value to, any products removed from National Forest System lands consistent with the purposes of this Act? [Sec. 203(b)(6) and Sec. 204(e)(3)] Who will be responsible for this monitoring item?

 Not relevant.
- d. Identify total funding needed to carry out specified monitoring tasks (Table 1, Item 33)

Amount: \$1,924